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Washington, D.C. 20231

Enclosed for filing is a patent application (specification, claims, Declaration and Power of Attorney)

ENTITLED: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY ISOLATING MINIMAL DISTINGUISHING STIMULI IN DESIGN VERIFICATION AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

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( ) This application is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
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- Check for \$ 750.00
- Small entity claimed under 37 CFR 1.27.
- A Petition for Extension of Time for the parent application and the required fee.
- Sheets(s) of informal drawings, FIGS. 1 to \_\_\_\_\_. Formal drawings will be sent after Notice of Allowance.
- 6 Sheet(s) of formal drawings, FIGS. 1 to 6.
- An Assignment of the invention with the Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
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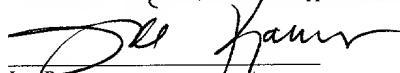
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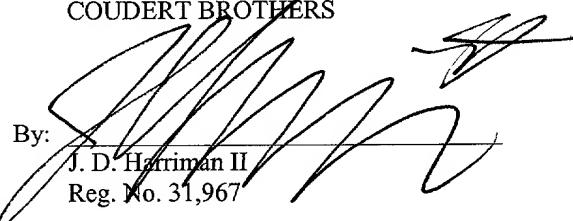
  
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